



## NP - 903 - **Workforce Development & Two Year Education** (BIEN/OTO)

The budget includes \$2 million of biennial one-time-only general fund in the 2015 biennium to invest in two-year education across Montana. These funds are intended to be used to expand dual enrollment opportunities and increase access and affordability to Montana's two year schools. In addition, these funds will ensure ease of transferability from two year to four year degree seekers.

1. **Dual Enrollment:** Incentivize campuses and high schools to expand dual credit curriculum and opportunities through a competitive grant process; **\$1M**
  - ❖ Promote the development of articulated pathways to high demand jobs in Montana that decrease time to degree.
2. **Workforce Training:** Develop a competitive grant process with MUS campuses to facilitate the development of innovative workforce training and education programs designed to reach out to adult learners; **\$750K**
  - ❖ Priority for funding will be given to projects that leverage funds from other sources and have the direct involvement of employer partners, and create and sustain career pathways.
3. **College!Now:** Bolster the MUS 2-year Education Initiative by providing funds for central services and resources; **\$250K**

